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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1134, (B) STATE 54392, (C) OTTAWA A-177

1. DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING RECENT ARAB BOYCOTT DEVELOPMENTS WITH VIEW TO ASSESSING IMPACT OF BOYCOTT ON 1) U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND 2) ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH KEY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

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2. WE HAVE APPRECIATED PAST POST REPORTING, PARTICULARLY

REF A. ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE ON FOLLOWING TOPICS
PRIOR TO MAY 3.

A) CURRENT STATUS/RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO HOST
COUNTRY POLICY VIS-A-VIS ARAB BOYCOTT. SPECIFICALLY, WE
WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON ANY POLICY, LEGAL OR PUBLIC
PRESSURE RESTRAINTS (EXISTING OR PROPOSED) ON COMPLIANCE
WITH BOYCOTT REQUESTS BY PRIVATE FIRMS (E.G., ANTITRUST
LAWS, COUNTER-BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES BY PRIVATE GROUPS,. ALSO
EFFECT, IF ANY, OF EC PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS CON-
TAINING NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSES ON APPLICATION OF BOY-
COTT TO EUROPEAN FIRMS (INCLUDING U.S. SUBSIDIARIES).

B) INFORMATION RE ANY SHIFT OF BUSINESS FROM U.S. TO HOST
COUNTRY FIRMS OR USE OF PARTIES (E.G., PARTNERS, SUBSIDI-
ARIES) IN THIRD COUNTRIES BY U.S. FIRMS TO AVOID LEGAL
REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRAINTS (E.G., REPORTING, ANTITRUST
REGULATIONS/LAWS) FACED BY U.S. FIRMS CONDUCTING BUSINESS
WITHIN THE U.S.

C) POST ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL ON
ISRAELI ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND
ISRAELI ACTIONS, IF ANY, IN SEEKING TO COUNTER ECONOMIC OR
POLITICAL EFFECTS OF BOYCOTT. SPECIFICALLY, IMPACT ON
TRADE, LICENSING AND INVESTMENT.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, CONSULT WITH
HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, U.S. BANKING/COMMERCIAL SOURCES
AND OTHER BANKING/COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN HOST COUNTRY.

4. ON BASIS OF EMBASSIES'OWN ANALYSES, WE WOULD WELCOME
ASSESSMENTS OF ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY
MOVE TOWARD MORE ACTIVE POLICY OF OPPOSING ARAB BOYCOTT IN
FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALSO, IDENTIFICATION OF ANY FACTORS
WHICH MIGHT MOTIVATE SHIFT IN COUNTRY POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS
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